

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/GB2004/004957

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 A61K31/137 A61K31/167 A61K31/573 A61K9/00

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, PAJ, BIOSIS, EMBASE, CHEM ABS Data

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	DE 102 05 087 A1 (PHARMATECH GMBH) 21 August 2003 (2003-08-21) claims 1-8 paragraph [0015] - paragraph [0022] examples 1,2,4,5,7-9 ----- -/-	1-10

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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A	<p>WILLIAMS III R O ET AL: "Influence of formulation technique for hydroxypropyl-beta-cyclodextrin on the stability of aspirin in HFA 134a" EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF PHARMACEUTICS AND BIOPHARMACEUTICS, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS B.V., AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 47, no. 2, 1 March 1999 (1999-03-01), pages 145-152, XP004257055 ISSN: 0939-6411 abstract page 146, left-hand column, line 36 - page 147, right-hand column, line 8 -----</p>	1-10
P,A	<p>STECKEL H ET AL: "A novel formulation technique for metered dose inhaler (MDI) suspensions" INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PHARMACEUTICS, AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 284, no. 1-2, 13 October 2004 (2004-10-13), pages 75-82, XP004580739 ISSN: 0378-5173 abstract table 1 page 76, right-hand column, line 18 - page 77, right-hand column, line 4 -----</p>	1-10

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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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Information on patent family members

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